

Tips for a successful record book

1. Start your record book at the beginning of the 4-H year.
 - a. write goals for the year at the BEGINNING of the year. You should try to write at least three goals for each part of the book.
 - i. The “My 4-H Year” (green cow on the sheet) needs to be **general** goals about 4-H. You also need to have at least three goals for EACH project that you have (blue writing on this sheet). Project goals relate to the specific project.
 - ii. Goals are what you PLAN to do in this project, or this 4-H year and are done at the beginning of the year.
 - b. to help organize yourself – either make a “sloppy copy” of your forms or use a calendar as you go through the year. Keep up with this and then the job of completing your record book at the end of the year is easy.
2. Make sure your record book is complete. This is a “record” of your year – your 4-H story. It is really fun to look back in the future to what you did while in 4-H. Make it complete enough that a person who is not familiar with your project could pick up your record book and look through it and it will make sense to that person.
3. The **minimum requirements** for a complete record book are:
 - a. A completed “My 4-H Year” sheet for each year. Keep an accurate list of all 4-H related activities and events that you participate in, as well as activities and events that are not related to 4-H. If you keep your calendar current, this is just a matter of copying things down.
 - b. For EACH project, you need to complete a “Project and Financial Journal” page. This page has the blue writing. This is specific to the given project. Keep track of project meetings attended, activities you do related to your project, etc. Be sure to include not only that you had a meeting, but what you did and what you learned.
 - c. For ANIMAL projects, you must complete the “Project and Financial Journal” page **AND** the “Animal Record” (orange writing) sheet for EACH project. In other words, do not list your feed for your pig project and feed for your sheep project on the same orange form. Fill out a separate Project and Financial Journal and Animal Record for each project. On the front cover, where there is a place for a picture, try to get a picture of you doing something related to that project, if possible.
4. Additional things you **may** wish to include in your record book (**not required**):
 - a. additional pictures of any of your 4-H experiences, projects, etc.
 - b. ribbons or pictures of ribbons
 - c. certificates or awards received
 - d. other items you wish to add to YOUR book

Remember: No job is finished until the paper work is done. In this case, no project is complete, until the record book is done.....

Fairgrounds Balances Due By Project:

Beef: —\$7.30	Horse: \$4,149.28	Skateboarding: \$260.75
Dairy Cow: —\$44.00	Horticulture: —\$800.00	Swine: \$148.65
Dog: \$443.40	Marketing: \$108.00	Wood: \$69.83
Dog Obedience: \$269.63	Pocket Pets: \$244.25	4-H: —\$631.68
Fly Tying: \$178.30	Poultry: \$18.80	
Foods: \$96.00	Rabbit: —\$22.70	
Gallatin Valley Livestock: —\$368.15	Round Robin: \$174.63	Total Owed: \$3,951.19
Gateway Challengers: —\$111.00	Sheep: —\$225.50	



Camp

Thank You to everyone that volunteered as a chaperone or assisted in any way with Gallatin County 4-H Camp this year! The quick change in venue to Yellowstone Alliance Adventures was a challenge for all, however, the Junior Leaders did a great job of planning activities for the campers so they were always busy having fun and learning some new things. The change in location also allowed the campers to participate in a couple of new activities, a zip-line and a climbing wall, with support from a very generous donor. A huge thank you to that individual!

We have few items that were left at camp at the Extension office. If you are missing anything we have all you can imagine, from hooded sweatshirts, socks to a water bottle. Please stop by the office if you are missing anything!